

Ex-Klansman Free on Bond In Evers Case

FAYETTE, Miss. (AP) — Former Klansman Dale Walton of Tupelo was free on federal and local bonds totaling \$5,329 today stemming from federal firearm violations and other charges following his arrest here earlier this month.

Walton, 44, became the center of controversy here after Negro Mayor Charles Evers revealed information of an alleged planned assassination which led to the man's arrest by local officers.

The Tupelo merchant appeared in Fayette City Court yesterday for the second time to face charges stemming from the local arrest.

Evers, a prominent civil rights figure and brother of slain Negro leader Medgar Evers, found the former Knights of the Green Forest grand dragon guilty of speeding and of possession of concealed weapons.

Walton, who has maintained his innocence throughout the proceedings, immediately posted a cash bond and was released pending action by the Jefferson County Grand Jury on appeals.

Mrs. Martha Wood, city prosecutor, said earlier Walton would be charged with conspiracy to assassinate Evers; however, she said it was decided not to bring up the charge yesterday due to federal action awaiting the Tupelo man.